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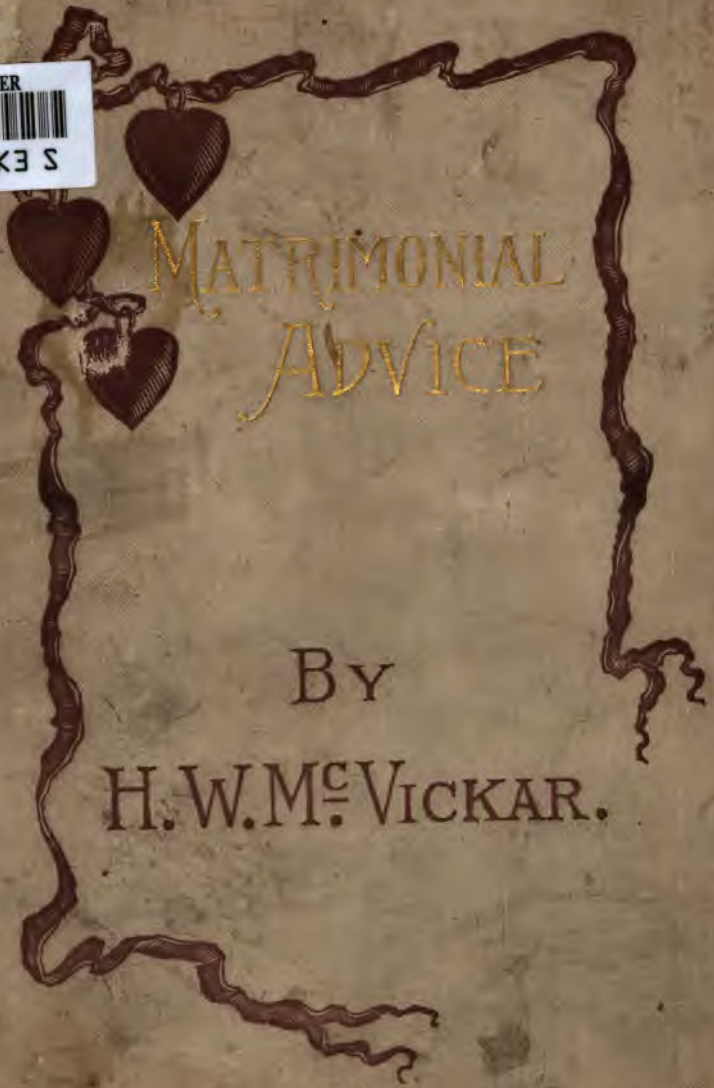

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TO ALL THOSE CONTEMPLATING

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OR

ENGAGED.

"I should advise a man to pause,
Before he takes a wife;
In fact I see no earthly cause
He should not pause for life."

But if he wont, let him bear

IN MIND
this
ADVICE.

Advice to the Man

Dont
give little
Suppers.

But if, by some ill luck, it chance
That marriage be your fate;
Eschew, my friend, the masque dance
And do not sup too late.

Dont bet on horse racing.

For any bachelor who can
Get credit for his board,
The race-course goes; a married man
Such things cannot afford.

DONT FREQUENT STAGE DOORS.

Forget those things that, most before,
Would charm your tired eyes:
Forget the stage's little door,
Forget the tempting flies.

Dont have a friend of the family.

Your dearest friend, also, forget,
He's safer as a foe;
You may be sure he loves you, yet
She's part of you, you know.

Dont think your wife an angel Because she Looks Like one.

And, tho' you may be tempted sore
(For such is lovers' wont),
Your wife, as angel, to adore,
Take my advice, and—don't.

DON'T

RATS.

M.Y.C.

EVER GO

TO SEA

And, lastly, tho' you own a yacht,
Don't ever go to sea,
For, truly hopeless were your lot
If sea-sick you should be.

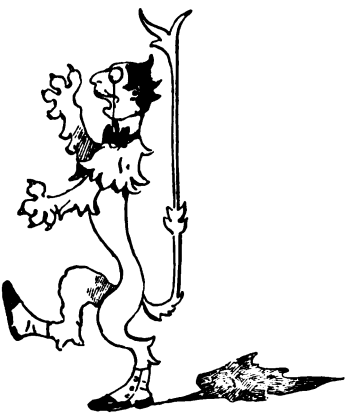
Advice to the Woman

Always look your best.

Mark well, ye fair, what follows, lest
Your husband lose his fire;
Be always sure to look your best,
He pays for your attire.

Dont tell your Husband that he looks like the Devil. Especially when he does.

And, by the way, it will not do—
Besides, 'tis far from civil—
To tell your lord, however true,
He's looking "like the devil."



Dont take
35 minutes
to say
good
bye.

In leaving friend, however kind,
Don't take an hour or more;
Trust me, your husband soon will find
Such parting scenes a bore.

BEWARE OF YOUR BEST FRIEND.

Your best friend, if you'd live in ease,
Should be your friend no more;
Your bonnets may not always please,
While hers are sure to score.

Dont
even playfully
remind your
Husband
that everything
was bought with
your money
including himself.

Don't tell him, even in a jest,
How much your money buys;
He knows whose shekels fill the chest,
And—jesting is unwise.

Dont
Nag.

Once more, altho' through lapse of mind
(Few common sense can brag),
Your lord his rubbers leave behind,
For Heaven's sake, don't nag.

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